

GREEK AND TURK IN BATTLE.  
ACTUAL CONFLICT IN CRETE.

ISLAND FORTS WITH TURKISH GARRISONS ATTACKED AND CAPTURED.

SOLEMN WARNINGS FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE NAVAL FORCES OF THE POWERS TO-NOROT AND DEIFIED BY THE DOUGHTY COLONEL VASSOS—MORE TROOPS SAIL FROM THE PIRAEUS FOR CRETE.

London, Feb. 17.—"The Daily News" will print to-morrow a dispatch from Athens saying it is reported there that a part of the "Corps of Occupation" in Crete, commanded by Colonel Vassos, to-day attacked the Tower of Boncolion. The Turkish garrison after a brief resistance yielded, and the Greek force took possession.

"The Standard" to-morrow will publish a dispatch from Athens saying that Colonel Vassos has captured the important position of Voulkies, Colonel Vassos, the dispatch says, is forming the insurgents into battalions and furnishing them with arms.

King George is daily in receipt of telegraphic dispatches from many parts of the world, notably from Italy, Great Britain and the United States, expressing approval of the policy he has adopted and urging him to pursue it.

Another battalion of infantry, with arms and stores for the volunteers in Crete, sailed from the Piraeus this evening.

"The Daily Chronicle" will to-morrow publish an Athens dispatch saying that Saad-ed-din Pacha, who was recently recalled to Constantinople from Crete at the instance of the Powers for fomenting anti-reform plots among the inhabitants, will return to the island with three battalions of Turkish troops. Prince George of Greece, the dispatch adds, will prevent the landing of this force at any cost.

It is reported in Athens that a wealthy Greek living abroad has offered his entire fortune, if necessary, to support the Government in carrying on the war in Crete.

"The Daily News" publishes a dispatch from its correspondent at Cania, saying that accompanied by an escort of 600 insurgents, the writer visited the Greek camp at Platanias, a short distance west of Cania, where he found the Greek force occupying a lofty and virtually inaccessible fortress. Colonel Vassos, who commanded the troops, is the correspondent says, thoroughly prepared for an advance, and is only awaiting instructions from Athens to move. In the mean time the troops are showing the greatest impatience to begin operations.

The correspondent further says skirmishes are constantly occurring in the hills around Platanias between Bashibazouks and the insurgents, who are rapidly gathering around the camp, and will, at the present rate, shortly number 20,000. The presence of the Greek troops in the island and the consequent hope that a settlement of the difficulty will shortly be reached alone prevent the slaughter of every Moslem outside of the occupied towns in Crete. The withdrawal of the Greeks, the correspondent declares, would be followed by events which the flags of the European Powers would be powerless to avert, besides dynastic revolution in Greece.

PRINCE GEORGE FORMALLY WARNED.  
TOLD THAT AN ATTACK ON CANEA WOULD BE AN ATTACK ON THE POWERS.

Cania, Crete, Feb. 17.—Vice-Admiral Canavaro, of the Italian Navy, who has been selected to command the united foreign naval forces here, has given formal notice to Prince George of Greece, commander of the Greek squadron, of the occupation of the town by the marines of the foreign warships with the consent of the Turkish Government. To this notice the Italian Admiral added the warning that the Greeks must not make an attack upon the town, which is under the protection of the flags of the great Powers.

As the result of a conference of the commanders of the foreign squadrons held on board the Italian flagship, to-day, Admiral Canavaro has also sent a note to the Greek Consul informing him that any attack on the part of Greece upon Cania, Retimo, Sitia or Heraklion would be repulsed by the warships of the Powers. The Consul was also warned that all further hostile action on the part of Christian insurgents and Greek troops in other parts of the island must cease at once.

Since the occupation of the town by the foreign marines order has been restored in the suburbs, and everything around Cania is now quiet. Foreign warships are stationed here, at Retimo, Candia and Sitia.

Vice-Admiral Canavaro has written a note to the Greek Consul at this place, informing that official that it is the purpose of the Powers by their occupancy of various cities of the island to promote a bloodless settlement of the Cretan difficulty, and that, therefore, any attack upon the towns occupied, whether made by Turks or Christians, will be repulsed by the united forces of the Powers. He also urges the insurgents and the Greeks to abstain from military action in other parts of Crete.

The Greek Government having reopened their consulate here has resulted in the creation of an anomalous situation, and the European commanders have given notice to the Consul that he must lower his flag, in view of the hostility displayed by his Government.

GREECE STICKS TO HER PURPOSE.

COLONEL VASSOS AGAIN ORDERED TO OCCUPY CRETE, AVOIDING ANY COLLISION WITH THE FOREIGN TROOPS.

Athens, Feb. 17.—Colonel Vassos, commanding the Greek troops in Crete, has received instructions from the Government to avoid any encounter with the foreign forces on the island, but to execute the orders of the King, which are that he shall occupy the island and restore order therein.

The Macedonian and Cretan committees have arrived at an agreement to concentrate their efforts in Crete, to the end of securing a union of the island with Greece.

Anti-Turkish disturbances have occurred in Thessaly. Shots have been exchanged at Arta, on the Turkish frontier, where a Turkish guard across the border was struck by a bullet.

Prince Nicholas, in command of a battery of field artillery, started to-day for the Thessalian frontier. Large crowds of people gathered to witness the departure of the troops, and gave the soldiers and their commander an ovation as they started on their journey.

The belief prevails here that a diplomatic conference will shortly be held in Berlin for the purpose of settling the question of the union of Crete with Greece. It is expected that the matter will be decided in favor of Greece, and that Prince George will be chosen Prince of the island.

Retimo, the advice say, has issued a proclamation to the inhabitants of that place.

RUSSIA'S WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.  
WARSHIPS OF THE CAZ WITHIN AN HOUR'S SAIL OF THE BOSPHORUS.

London, Feb. 17.—"The Times" to-morrow will print a dispatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent crystallizing and confirming the rumors of preparations for war by the Russian Government. These preparations, the dispatch says, do not imply any intention on the part of Russia of declaring war, but simply that she is doing everything to place herself in readiness for possible warlike action in the vicinity of Constantinople. The Black Sea fleet is constantly ready for action, and a large number of troops in the south have been mobilized.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—"The Frankfort Zeitung" Constantinople correspondent telegraphs to his paper that a sensation has been created there by the announcement that three Russian warships are cruising within an hour's sail of the entrance to the Bosphorus.

TURKEY MOBILIZING HER FLEET.  
BUT THE PORTS INSISTS THAT IT IS SATISFIED TO LET THE POWERS ACT FOR IT.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—The Government has issued an order for the mobilization of the Turkish fleet with the least possible delay, but it persists in declaring that it is not to be inferred that there is or will be any rupture of the relations between Turkey and Greece; that Turkey is determined to leave the settlement of the troubles in Crete to the European Powers.

The Sultan has informed the foreign diplomats that he is greatly pleased at the landing of foreign marines and bluejackets at Cania.

The decision to leave the pacification of the island in the hands of the Powers was reached at the special meeting of the Council of Ministers which was held at the Yildiz Palace on Monday.

The Council also adopted military measures to be taken on the Greek frontier, appointing Edhem Pacha, who directed the Turkish military operations at Zettoun in 1896, to the command of the troops at Elazoun, and decided to call out the redifs of the Third Army Corps, stationed at Salonika. The measures are purely defensive, and were taken with a view of meeting emergency.

The Sultan has appointed Karatheodor Pacha Turkish High Commissioner in Crete.

The Ministry of Marine has asked the Government for a credit of 500,000 pounds Turkish to defray the expenses incurred in preparing and mobilizing the Turkish fleet. Two squadrons are now being prepared. The first, which will comprise four warships and ten torpedo boats, will sail within five days, under command of Vice-Admiral Fakh. The second will be commanded by Vice-Admiral Hassan, and will consist of five warships and ten torpedo boats. Fifty thousand naval reserves have been summoned for service in addition to the redifs of the 3d Army Corps, now at Salonika, and the redifs of Trebizonde have also been ordered to join their colors, making altogether 76,000 men who will be concentrated near the Greek frontier.

NO SERIOUS OPPOSITION TO GREECE.  
THE POWERS WILL WINK AT THE ANNEXATION OF CRETE TO THE MOTHER COUNTRY.

London, Feb. 17.—"The Daily News" will say to-morrow it is reported in the lobby among the Unionist members of the House of Commons that it is not likely that the Powers will attempt seriously to dislodge the Greeks from the island of Crete, but that their presence will, after a decent interval, be acquiesced in, with a view to the ultimate annexation of the island to the Greek Kingdom. It is whispered that King George was made aware beforehand that the action taken by Greece would not be resisted desperately.

TO BLOCKADE THE PIRAEUS.  
THE PROPOSAL OF GERMANY ACCEPTED BY THE OTHER POWERS.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—"The Cologne Gazette" confirms the report that most of the great European Powers concur in the proposal of Germany that the Powers blockade the Piraeus.

SAN FRANCISCO GREEKS AROUSED.  
MONEY SUBSCRIBED TO AID THE CRETANS—250 MEN ENLIST FOR SERVICE.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—The members of the local Greek colony are wrought up to a high pitch of patriotic enthusiasm by the news of the mother country's expressed determination to draw the sword in defense of Cretan liberty. This enthusiasm has assumed a practical form, funds are being raised to succor the wives and families of the massacred Christians, and fully 250 able-bodied Greeks are prepared to leave for the scene of hostilities at almost a moment's notice, if the mother country is actually in need of their services.

ASSEMBLYMAN SHELTON UNDER FIRE.

SENSATIONAL INSINUATIONS MADE IN THE TRIAL OF HIS BROTHER FOR MURDER.

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 17.—The talk of the town is the hauling over the coals that W. Clark Sheldon, Cayuga's member of Assembly from the 1st District, received on the witness stand on the Sheldon murder trial yesterday. An attempt at bribery was first instigated by the District Attorney, who asked the witness to make it all right with him if he'd "go light" on his brother, the accused. The answer was "No." Later the witness was asked: "Let's see, Mr. Sheldon, you've had some domestic trouble of your own, haven't you?"

His counsel objected, and the Court said he couldn't see what had to do with the case. The prosecuting attorney said the character of a witness on the stand was always open to investigation. This question will lead to something far worse than domestic difficulties, tending to discredit the character of the witness.

The silence in the courtroom was intense. "I suppose," he continued, "that if I should show that the witness had left his home and gone with another woman, it would be competent."

"I'm inclined to the objection," said the Court, and this ended the incident, the Assemblyman stepping down and blushing violently.

CAUGHT BY ANTHONY COMSTOCK.

A SELLER OF ALLEGED FRAUDULENT LOTTERY TICKETS ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Feb. 17.—Anthony Comstock, of New York, has unearthed a big fraud conducted by Jesse L. McDaniels, alias G. W. Baird, of this city. McDaniels was arrested last night, charged with selling the laws of the United States against using the mails for promoting a lottery. The prisoner has, it is alleged, been selling tickets in all sections of the country purporting to be issued by the "Royal Havana Lottery," which is operated under protection of the Government of Spain. McDaniels had, however, no connection with the Havana company; his tickets were a clumsy forgery, and his plan made it impossible for any purchaser to win a prize. Eleven thousand of the "fake" tickets were found in McDaniels's home, No. 1,560 Madison-ave., this morning. Along with them were bundles of letters containing remittances and orders from his agents throughout New-England and the Middle States.

Mr. Comstock asserts that McDaniels used the mails in having orders and remittances sent to Baird &amp; Co., No. 69 Liberty-st., New York. No such firm existed, however, and a standing order at the New York Postoffice directed that all such mail be forwarded to McDaniels, in Baltimore. Mr. Comstock said to-day that the arrest of McDaniels is really more important than has yet been shown, and that other arrests would follow.

REAR-ADMIRAL COLBOURN DIED.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Rear-Admiral Edmund R. Colbourn, U. S. N. (retired), died to-night shortly after 11 o'clock. He was seventy-five years old. The death was from heart failure and was unexpected. Admiral Colbourn was born in Pennsylvania, May 6, 1821. He entered the Navy as midshipman April 1, 1839, and served with distinction both in the Mexican War and in the War of the Rebellion.

## ANNEXATION SOUGHT AGAIN.

AN ENVOY FROM HAWAII ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON.

PRESIDENT DOLE SENDS HIS ATTORNEY-GENERAL, CLOTHED WITH FULL POWERS—NO CONDITIONS WHATSOEVER IMPOSED BY THE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT.

Honolulu, Feb. 10, via San Francisco, Feb. 17.—William O. Smith, Attorney-General in President Dole's Cabinet, starts for Washington by to-day's steamer, to confer with Minister Hatch in regard to annexation. His sudden departure is due to a letter received yesterday from the Minister.

Mr. Smith goes as the official representative of the Government, with full power to enter into any agreement without communicating with the home Government. He expects to remain in Washington only two weeks, and while the higher officials refuse to make any statement, it is the general opinion that annexation negotiations with the United States have reached an acute stage.

There has been for some time a serious difference of opinion in the Cabinet as to whether the Government should insist upon certain conditions in the event of annexation, or should leave everything for the American Congress to determine. But these differences have all been adjusted, and President Dole and the members of the Cabinet are now in the opinion that no conditions whatever should be imposed by this Government, but that annexation pure and simple should be accepted.

KANSAS LEGISLATORS IN A RIOT.

DISORDERLY SCENES AT TOPEKA—MORE TROUBLE LOOKED FOR.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 17.—There was almost a riot in the House of Representatives this morning, and a repetition of the Legislative war of 1893 is threatened. Republicans and Populists clashed, and the House became a mob. The Sergeant-at-Arms was unable to quell the disturbance, which only ceased for an hour. Trueblood (Populist) moved to refer the calendar to the Revision committee to have certain bills advanced. The Republicans objected, and held that it took a two-thirds vote to change the rules. The Populists were short two-thirds, and the Speaker pro tem, Wellp, ruled that a majority was sufficient.

The Republicans demanded a rollcall on the motion, but Wellp refused to recognize them, and it was carried by a viva voce vote. Every Republican member jumped to his feet, shouting "rollcall," and the House was in a shaking fit at the Populists. The din was kept up for an hour. Third Ward Roberts was sent to his room. No blows were struck, but trouble is sure to continue to-morrow.

STILL ANOTHER TRUST ORGANIZED.

INCANDESCENT LAMP-MAKERS POOL THEIR INTERESTS.

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—The latest gigantic trust has this city for its birthplace, and J. H. Rhothenhamel, president of the Columbia Incandescent Lamp Company, is its author and promoter. The company differs from similar pools in that it will undertake to regulate the price of incandescent lamps all over the country by a series of suits for infringement of patents against lesser concerns. The parties to the pool are the Columbia, St. Louis; Westinghouse, Pittsburgh; Edison General Electric, New York; and companies at Cleveland, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Springfield, Mass.; Chicago, and one or two other places.

A PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATOR SHOT.

ONE OF THE QUAY LEADERS IN PHILADELPHIA ARRESTED FOR THE DEED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—R. Lincoln Roberts, a member of the Legislature from the 11th District in this city, was shot in the hip early this morning while standing in the doorway of his home, No. 1,229 Catharine-st. Roberts is a leader of the Administration faction of the Republican party, and when the opposing faction (the Quay adherents) were parading in celebrating their victory yesterday in Third Ward, Roberts was with them. He should have been at home, and viewed the procession. Suddenly several pistol shots were heard, and Roberts was seen to stagger and place his hand to his hip. William Reed, a Quay leader, who rode at the rear of the procession, was arrested on the charge of doing the shooting. He was arraigned before Magistrate South this morning, and was held in \$500 bail for a hearing next Tuesday. Roberts was unable to appear at the hearing, word being received from his home that he was confined to his bed by the injury.

RATTAN MANUFACTURERS COMBINE.

THE WAKEFIELD AND HEYWOOD CONCERN TO UNITE WITH \$600,000 CAPITAL.

Boston, Feb. 17.—At an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wakefield Rattan Company to-day it was decided to authorize the directors of the company to carry out the consolidation with Heywood Brothers &amp; Co., of Gardner, Mass., the new company to be known as the Heywood Brothers &amp; Wakefield Company, with \$600,000 capital, of which \$400,000 is to be 6 per cent cumulative preferred stock and \$200,000 common stock. The consolidation includes the Heywood &amp; Morrill Rattan Company of Chicago, which is owned by Heywood Brothers &amp; Co. At the Wakefield meeting to-day the old officers and directors were re-elected, and 7,622 shares were voted in favor of the consolidation, not a vote dissenting.

The consolidation of these two companies places the rattan-manufacturing business of the country under one head, with practically no competition. It is believed that the stock of the new company will be listed on the Boston Stock Exchange. A prominent Boston banking firm will probably receive deposits of the Wakefield Company's stock and issue receipts for the same pending incorporation of the new company.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—In regard to the consolidation of the rattan manufacturing firms of Heywood Brothers &amp; Co. and the Wakefield Rattan Company, the local officials deny that there is any attempt to form a trust, though they admit that the new company will be a monopoly for the country.

It is stated that the two companies have long been acting in concert, and that the new company is to be formed for the purpose of doing away with duplicate branch houses and manufacturing plants in many of the large cities.

SENATOR SHERMAN'S SUCCESSOR.

A CONFERENCE BETWEEN GOVERNOR BUSHNELL AND CHAIRMAN KURTZ STARTS GOSSIP APRESENT.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Governor Bushnell and Charles L. Kurtz, chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, are in conference in the private office of the former this afternoon. It is presumed the Senatorial succession is under discussion. Following the conference, "The Evening Press" makes this announcement: Private information received late Wednesday afternoon from the office of Governor Bushnell is that the Hon. M. A. Hanna will not be appointed Senator in the event of the Hon. John Sherman resigning to accept a Cabinet position. That decision was reached by Governor Bushnell Wednesday. Who will be the appointee has not been announced, but there is every chance that it will be Mr. Kurtz.

It is positively known that the conference took place, and the published statement has occasioned much comment in political circles here.

Bushnell refused to confirm the statement, insisting that there were no new developments in the situation. It is certain, however, that those who oppose the selection of Kurtz are being elated over the National chairman's belief that he will be appointed to the Senate. It is also believed that the belief that Mr. Hanna will be the man is strengthened by the fact that a number of prominent members of the Foraker faction have recently declared in favor of his selection.

## TO BE RUN BY ELECTRICITY.

PREPARATIONS FOR CHANGING THE MOTIVE POWER OF ELEVATED TRAINS.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MANHATTAN SYSTEM—SALE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE.

William J. Fransill, the general manager of the elevated railways in New-York, recently went to Chicago to investigate the operation of the elevated roads in that city by electricity. The Manhattan Railway Company, which owns the New-York roads, had previously commissioned engineers to inspect the Chicago roads, and they had reported that the operation of these roads by electricity was entirely successful. Mr. Fransill presented to the Executive Committee of the Manhattan Company, at a meeting on Tuesday, the results of his observations and inquiries in Chicago. He endorsed the report of the engineers, saying the system was safe, rapid and efficient, as well as economical. The motive power was not a separate car, but occupied part of the body of the car. Eight cars, two containing motors, could be run as a train on the New-York lines by extending the station platforms. The cost of the change from steam to electricity would not be great, and there would be a saving of one-half in operating expenses. Mr. Fransill said electricity might first be adopted on the Second-ave. line. He was most enthusiastic in urging the substitution of electricity for steam at the earliest practicable date.

The Executive Committee expressed its appreciation of Mr. Fransill's investigation, and directed him to have estimates prepared of the cost of equipping and operating the lines with electricity, and to furnish the committee with all facts bearing on the subject. Russell Sage said yesterday afternoon: "We are unanimous that the change from steam to electricity is desirable, and we shall go right ahead to make it. If our plans turn out as we expect them to, it will be a very short time before the new system is under way."

Mr. Sage would say anything about the means of providing funds for the electrical equipment. It was understood that the money would come from an additional issue of bonds. It was said that the company had continued to use steam power after the success of electricity as a motive power had been demonstrated, because it was unable to arrange a sale of bonds, at least on satisfactory terms. It was supposed that as the company had concluded an arrangement for the sale of bonds, and was therefore ready to make improvements of the elevated lines. It had been supposed that the preparations, now nearly completed, for lighting the cars with gas meant that electricity would not be employed for a long time to come. The seemingly sudden change in the programme of the company was attributed to the supposed successful consummation of financial arrangements. There was talk that the dividend on Manhattan stock would be reduced from 6 to 4 per cent per annum. The company has not earned its full dividend in some time, but has made up the difference out of a surplus fund.

It is presumed that the equipment for the elevated roads will be furnished by the Westinghouse Electric Company. The president of this company, George Westinghouse, Jr., has for a long time been developing a system to meet the needs of the elevated lines in New-York, which includes power, light and heat for trains; light and heat for stations, and power for elevators to be constructed in stations. The selection of the system will rest with the special committee of Manhattan directors, which was appointed to consider the proposed extensions of the elevated system when the matter was before the Rapid Transit Commission. This committee is composed of George J. Gould, Russell Sage and Robert L. Taylor.

About 200 cars of the elevated roads will be supplied by March 1 with fixtures for burning gas. Some 150 cars have already been equipped, and others are being equipped in the company's shops at the rate of five a day. All of these cars will be in use on the Sixth-ave. line soon after March 1, unless there is a delay in furnishing the needed gas. The gas tanks under the cars will require filling only once a day.

Probably nobody outside of the officials of the Manhattan has a greater interest in the contemplated scheme of changing the motive power than a close development of the city's electric engineers. Many of the engineers in the company's employ have feared that they would lose their present places when the change was made. The company has a long list of Division No. 105 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. There are about five hundred members of the division in the company's employ. The officials of the brotherhood have a close development of the city's electric engineers. Many of the engineers in the company's employ have feared that they would lose their present places when the change was made.

A prominent member of the brotherhood said last night that the engineers in the employ of the Manhattan need not be alarmed over the reports that the company would change its motive power from steam to electricity in any part of the city. The electric power, he said, could take at least two years to get a plant, and the rest of the time would be consumed in getting it in running order. The cost, he said, would be about \$7,000,000.

The change of motive power would affect the engineers, it is thought probable that the company would keep many of them to run the trains under the new system. The company has out of employment because the other leading tanneries in the city have closed their doors against their workmen until a settlement is made in the Eisendrath establishment. Before the close of the week it is said that other tanneries may be affected, and that 1,000 more men may be added to the list of the idle.

A NOTABLE WEDDING IN NASHVILLE.

ARCHIBALD J. MAJORIBANKS, BROTHER OF LADY ABERDEEN, MARRIED TO MISS MISSIE BROWN.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 17.—There have been other notable weddings in Nashville, but none have approached in importance that of Miss Missie Brown, a member of one of the oldest and most aristocratic families in the exclusive society of the South, and Archibald J. Majoribanks, brother-in-law of the Governor-General of Canada, Lord Aberdeen, Church, and a more brilliant collection of members of old families has not been seen here in a long time.

The bridegroom is a brother of Lady Aberdeen and of Lord Tweedmouth. The party which accompanied him consisted of Lord and Lady Aberdeen, Whiteford, Lady Monroe-Ferguson, of the Royal Scottish Archers, and Lieutenant-Colonel Strathclyde, of the 2nd Royal Scots Guards, of Canada.

Archibald is a member of the Royal Scottish Archers, and all of the men named appeared in full regalia at the reception at the home of the bride, Mrs. Leslie Warner, which followed. The party will leave here in the morning for Canada. The young couple will make their home in England.

## A CHILD'S TERRIBLE DEATH.

FELL BY HIS FATHER'S SIDE AND WAS CRUSHED UNDER A CABLE-CAR.

Michael Millis, four years old, of No. 30 Thompson-st., was run over and instantly killed by a Broadway cable-car yesterday at Grand-st. The child was with his father, Joseph, at the time, and the latter, leading the boy by the hand, had just crossed in front of the car when the accident occurred.

The father was in conversation with another man at the time, and held his son by the hand. When in front of car No. 60 going north, the man lost his hold on the boy's hand, and the little fellow fell directly in front of the car. Before the gripman could stop the car the boy was run over and crushed to death. His father went into hysterics at the terrible sight.

A crowd gathered about the car, and Policeman Flanagan took the gripman to the station, where he described himself as Howell C. Morgan, of No. 983 Columbus-ave. The child's body was taken to the Mulberry-st. station, and later was removed to the Morgue.

TEN MILLIONS FOR NEW SCHOOLS.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ASK THE LEGISLATURE FOR THIS AMOUNT.

The meeting of the Board of Education yesterday resulted in the announcement that two bills are to be presented to the Legislature asking for appropriations of \$10,000,000 for the new high schools and for additional primary and grammar schools. Commissioner Taft, for the Committee on High Schools, is to submit a full report at the next meeting of the Board, asking for an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for four new high schools, three of them to be built immediately, so as to be ready for occupancy next fall. Mr. Taft estimates that the average cost of each of the schools, to accommodate about sixteen hundred students, will be about \$600,000. The proposed bill for additional grammar and primary schools will ask for an appropriation of \$7,500,000. In these schools it is proposed to give educational opportunities to over 60,000 more children.

The resignation of Dr. Addison B. Pollard, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, was accepted with a resolution of condolence to him. Six new school sites, and about twenty more that had been held over from the last meeting, were recommended. School physicians for 1897 were named, and about three hundred new teachers were appointed.

LYMAN J. GAGE AT HOT SPRINGS, VA.

HE IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN THERE UNTIL HE GOES TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 1.

Hot Springs, Va., Feb. 17.—The future Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, of Chicago, arrived at the Hot Springs Hotel here this morning by the Chesapeake and Potomac Ferry. He is accompanied by Mrs. Gage and will remain here for some time, probably going from this place direct to Washington about March 1.

DARING HOLD-UP IN CHICAGO.

ELWOOD LEDBY, OF PHILADELPHIA, ROBBED WITHIN THE GLARE OF THE LELAND HOTEL LIGHTS.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Directly across Michigan-ave. from the Leland Hotel, at Jackson-st., Elwood Ledby, of Philadelphia, was held up by three men at 2 o'clock last night, and robbed of \$150 and a gold watch valued at \$50.

Mr. Ledby had just arrived from New-Orleans, and was on his way to the hotel. Just opposite the Leland Hotel, where the bright lights of the hotel illumine the whole thoroughfare, the men overtook Ledby. He was seized by the arm, and the men of the cash, leaving a number of checks and some railroad passes. The robbers then took Ledby's watch, valued at \$50, and fled. Mr. Ledby, who is a well-known business man, was not hurt, and the robbers ran into the Lake Front Park and disappeared.

ANOTHER RUSH FOR MINERAL LANDS.

MORE TROUBLE IN THE COLVILLE RESERVATION OVER NEW LOCATIONS.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 17.—In anticipation of the opening of the southern half of the Colville Indian Reservation to mineral prospecting, hundreds of "sooters" have been rushing over on to the yet forbidden land during the last two days. Indian Agent Newman left here for Wilbur yesterday, and there will start into the reservation with a large force of Indian police to drive the "sooters" off. As many of the latter are armed and prepared to resist, the situation is a serious one. The Colville reservation is a large tract of land, and the prospecting is already made, serious trouble is anticipated.

A FERRYBOAT DASHES INTO HER SLIP.

THE SIGNALS BETWEEN PILOT AND ENGINEER, IT SEEMS, FAILED TO WORK—TWO PASSENGERS SLIGHTLY INJURED.

With a crash the double-decked screw ferryboat Netherlands, of the Hoboken Ferry Line, crashed into her slip at Barclay-st. yesterday morning, wrecking her forward superstructure and injuring two passengers. There was a momentary panic on board among the 200 people, but they became quiet when it was seen that the boat was in no danger of sinking.

The boat left Hoboken at 8:20 well filled with men and women going to their day's business in this city and with teams. When she entered her slip she did not slow down, as is usually the case, although the pilot avers that he signalled for it. A moment later he signalled for reversed engines, but again, he says, there was no response. The tug-rover says that he did not receive the signals. The boat struck her landing stage at full speed. The bridge which takes passengers from the top decks of the boats overlapped that deck, wrecking the pilot-house and rail. There were not many passengers on this deck, but the lower one was crowded.

When the crash came those in the front of this ferry boat rushed to the stern, and many were unable to get far through the dense mass behind them. In this crush Charles Hansen, twenty years old, of No. 15 Hudson-st., Jersey City Heights, and William Pearl, thirty-two years old, of No. 25 Nassau-st., Newark, were thrown down and bruised about the legs. Neither man was seriously injured.

The tug-rover says that the boat was slowly returned to her landing stage, and the passengers and teams were ashore. The boat then started back to her place. The tug-rover says that the accident was probably due to the failure of the signals between pilot and engineer to work properly. The damage to the boat does not exceed \$500.

PRESENTMENT AGAINST BROOKLYN.

THE QUEENS COUNTY GRAND JURY CALLS ATTENTION TO THE CONDITION OF THE HEMPSTEAD PONDS.

The Queens County Grand Jury yesterday handed up a presentment against the city of Brooklyn and some of her officials. The Grand Jury examined a number of witnesses in relation to the complaints regarding the Hempstead ponds, which form a part of the Brooklyn water work system, situated in the town of Hempstead, in Queens County. The condition of the ponds was found to be liable to breed noxious diseases, vapors and gases. The Grand Jury, however, did not find that the condition of the ponds was such as to warrant them in finding an indictment against the Commissioner of Public Works of the city of Brooklyn. The Grand Jury thinks that when the attention of the officers in charge of the Brooklyn Water Works system has been called to this state of affairs they will cause such remedial action to be taken as will prevent either the inception or spread of disease.

THE OREGON A GOOD SEA BOAT.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—The battle-ship Oregon got in from Acapulco yesterday after an uneventful run. The engines were made full use of, and in consequence no time was lost. All the officers speak in terms of highest praise of the warship, and say that a better sea boat never was launched.

## ENGLAND AND THE TREATY.

LORD SALISBURY INDIFFERENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENTS.

NO OBJECTIONS RAISED TO THE EXEMPTION OF QUESTIONS AFFECTING FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC POLICY FROM ARBITRATION—SECRETARY OLNEY'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. BAYARD.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]  
Washington, Feb. 17.—Secretary Olney has sought and obtained from Lord Salisbury an expression of opinion as to certain amendments proposed in the Senate to the general arbitration treaty. About a week ago he wrote to Ambassador Bayard on the subject of the amendments. Almost daily since then he has received some word from Mr. Bayard. Some of these messages have been satisfactory, but others have not. Mr. Olney, it is said, is entertained by the belief, if not the hope, that Lord Salisbury would take the stand that if the treaty was to be amended Great Britain would show no further interest in the proposition. There seems to be good reason for saying that the Secretary would not have been displeased at receiving information from Mr. Bayard to the truth to say that he is probably not far from going through just as he and Sir Julian Pauncefote wrote it; that he is annoyed at the course of the Senate, and that he is disposed to use various arguments, such as a statement that England is displeased over proposed amendments by the Senate, to "persuade" Senators not to change the provisions. But Mr. Bayard's dispatches say positively that Lord Salisbury is indifferent, and that he sees no serious objections to the most important changes in the treaty recommended by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

The correspondence between Secretary Olney and Mr. Bayard opened with a long telegram from the Secretary, informing the Ambassador that the Senate committee had agreed to certain important amendments; that these amendments had been reported to the Senate; that they had been discussed in executive session, and that other amendments had been suggested. The language of the amendments was given. In a later dispatch Mr. Olney referred especially to the Senate Committee's recommendation that the name of King Oscar should not appear in the treaty. Mr. Bayard replied that Lord Salisbury was not averse to this modification.

Then the Secretary of State telegraphed the terms of the proposed amendment of the committee, reading in effect that no question which affected the foreign or domestic policy of either of the high contracting parties, or the relations of either with any other State or Power, by treaty or otherwise, shall be subject to arbitration under the pending treaty except by special agreement. Mr. Olney's reply to this was in an answering line. He finally called that on laying the matter before Lord Salisbury the latter offered no objection to the